

# **State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Public Safety Fire Service Training Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Fire Service Training

### Contribution to Department's Mission

Educate the public to improve their knowledge of fire prevention; prepare and support local fire and rescue agencies in emergency response activity.

### Core Services

1. Train and certify local fire and emergency responders.
2. Coordinate Public Fire Prevention Education efforts for Alaska.
3. Deliver Public Fire and Life Safety Awareness Campaigns.
4. Conduct a permits program for all persons working on fire extinguishers, fire alarms, and fire suppression systems.
5. Adopt national fire training standards at the state level, and develop curriculum based on those standards.
6. Accredite emergency response training programs based on national training standards.
7. Provide technical assistance to communities regarding the organization, training, and response capabilities of their local departments.
8. Manage U.S. Fire Administration programs for Alaska including all National Fire Academy courses.
9. Train Alaska Emergency Response groups including the U.S. Coast Guard shipboard firefighters, cruise line fire response teams, and other industrial fire brigade response teams.
10. Collect and disseminate fire and emergency response information management and statistics.
11. Develop rural fire protection practices and the means to achieve their implementation.

### FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2008 Component Budget: \$3,023,300</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	10
	Part time	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

### Key Component Challenges

Until the Alaska Fire Standards Council is funded, the Fire Service Training component will continue to assume the functions and responsibilities of the council. These functions include accreditation of local fire department training programs, certification of firefighters and instructors, and assistance to develop new certifications based on national standards.

Most small rural fire departments do not possess staff members that are fully qualified or experienced. These limitations and lack of equipment pose an extreme challenge for the community. As their primary source of technical assistance, education, and training, the Division of Fire Prevention needs to assist them whenever possible. Programs such as the

Basic Firefighter program supported by Alaska Village Initiatives, and when available, other federal funds/grants will be used to fund this assistance.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

The majority of fire deaths occur in residential occupancies. The best strategy to prevent death from fire is the education of the general public about fire prevention and safety. The Division of Fire Prevention will implement a personal responsibility campaign to increase the awareness of the general public about their ability to prevent fire in their homes.

Fire Prevention will continue to support and train fire service personnel throughout the state. With the limited staff, this support will be prioritized based upon the needs of the communities. The number of rural training courses conducted under Project Code Red will continue to increase and training will continue with contract instructors. This project is funded through a combined training initiative between a number of federal agencies, Fire Service Training, and Alaska Village Initiatives. Presently, through the resources of Project Code Red, funding is available for initial equipment purchase and training, but continued support and assistance is not available.

With the assistance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Denali Commission, Fire Prevention conducted a needs analysis for rural Alaska fire protection. This objective report outlines the need to establish an Office of Rural Fire Protection within the Division of Fire Prevention. Fire Prevention will use this document to actively seek federal and state funds to establish this office. The office will concentrate efforts to provide technical assistance and specialized training to low income rural communities for the specific purpose of establishing and maintaining a local fire department and emergency response organization. Fire Prevention's hope is to reinforce Project Code Red communities with follow-up training and oversight support through the Office of Rural Fire Protection. In addition, Fire Prevention will continue to identify, support, and provide solutions to communities where Project Code Red is not the solution to a well-established emergency response organization.

Training with established departments will continue and increase with emphasis on firefighter safety and survival, the basic elements of firefighting, and fire service leadership.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

- Provided training and certification for firefighters from Alaska's emergency response agencies. Alaska has over 6,100 volunteer and paid firefighters responding throughout the state.

Certification Levels	Certified in 2006
Firefighter I and II	277
Marine Firefighter	0
Fire Officer I	0
Fire Instructor	168
Rural Basic Firefighter	31
Fire Investigator	9

- Assisted the following local fire departments in meeting their training accreditation goals:

Anchor Point FD	Anchorage FD	Ted Stevens Int. Airport FD
Conoco/Phillips FD	Barrow FD	Bethel FD
British Petroleum FD	Capital City Fire/Rescue	Central Emergency Services
Central Mat-Su FD	Chena Goldstream FD	Chugiak FD
Cordova FD	Girdwood FD	Homer FD
Kenai FD	Ketchikan FD	Mat-Su Borough Public Safety
North Pole FD	North Star FD	Palmer FD
PRISM Fire Training Center	Seward FD	Skagway FD
Steese Area FD	Univ. of Alaska Fire Science	Univ. of Alaska FD
Valdez FD	Tri-Valley FD	Nome FD
Whittier Tunnel FD	Sitka FD	Fairbanks Int. Airport FD

North Tongass VFD	North Slope Borough	
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- Processed and reported fire and emergency incident reports from departments across the state. The division reported them for inclusion into the national fire incident reporting database and provided feedback reports to departments and user groups based on this incident data.
- Assisted the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association and the Alaska State Firefighters Association in the preparation and delivery of their statewide training conferences.
- Provided fire training to new Village Public Safety Officers at the Department of Public Safety Training Academy.
- Provided Basic Firefighter Training in 20 communities. Since the inception of the program, training has been provided in 89 communities. A total of 124 communities are presently part of Project Code Red. Advanced training was presented in Fairbanks for Project Code Red communities, as well as others.
- Increased efforts to combat the juvenile fire setter through increased arson awareness and education of state agency stakeholders who can recognize and provide offender assistance.
- Issued 877 permits through a combination of fire extinguisher maintenance and inspection knowledge testing, fire alarm and suppression system maintenance, inspection and design licensing, firework pyrotechnic operator, and firework retail sales permits.
- Completed 1,263 fire prevention education presentations to Alaskan groups. Direct contact is made through participation in state fairs, home shows, inspections, and educational briefings. Indirect contacts are made through theater advertising, local television, and third party educational efforts made by local fire departments who receive educational material from the division but whose members present the information.
- Provided technical assistance to countless departments and communities.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Arson Information (AS 21.89.050)  
 Criminal Law (AS 11.46.400-490)  
 Fire Prevention (AS 18.70.010 - 18.70.300)  
 Reporting of Certain Injuries (AS 08.64.369)  
 State Aid to volunteer fire departments not in organized municipality (AS 29.60.130)  
 State Regulation of Fireworks (AS 18.72.010 - 18.72.060)

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### Fire Service Training Component Financial Summary

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	557.7	835.2	970.3
72000 Travel	103.3	300.9	350.9
73000 Services	318.5	932.5	1,040.1
74000 Commodities	63.7	328.0	528.0
75000 Capital Outlay	23.8	9.0	134.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,067.0</b>	<b>2,405.6</b>	<b>3,023.3</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	25.0	599.7	1,101.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	523.2	580.1	696.4
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	33.2	56.6	56.6
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	6.8	0.0	0.0
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	359.9	944.0	944.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	118.9	225.2	225.2
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>1,067.0</b>	<b>2,405.6</b>	<b>3,023.3</b>

### Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	25.0	599.7	1,101.1
Interagency Receipts	51015	33.2	56.6	56.6
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	359.9	944.0	944.0
Receipt Supported Services	51073	118.9	225.2	225.2
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	6.8	0.0	0.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>543.8</b>	<b>1,825.5</b>	<b>2,326.9</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>543.8</b>	<b>1,825.5</b>	<b>2,326.9</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2007 Management Plan</b>	<b>580.1</b>	<b>599.7</b>	<b>1,225.8</b>	<b>2,405.6</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Federal Receipt Authority Transferred from Fire Prevention Operations	0.0	500.7	0.0	500.7
-Fund Source Adjustment for Retirement Systems Increases	37.0	0.0	-37.0	0.0
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases	79.3	0.7	37.0	117.0
<b>FY2008 Governor</b>	<b>696.4</b>	<b>1,101.1</b>	<b>1,225.8</b>	<b>3,023.3</b>

**Fire Service Training  
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2008</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	10	10	Annual Salaries	545,300
Part-time	1	1	Premium Pay	2,357
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	441,625
			<i>Less 1.92% Vacancy Factor</i>	(19,015)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>970,267</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administrative Clerk II	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative Clerk III	2	0	0	0	2
Fire Training Admin	1	0	0	0	1
Fire Training Specialist	4	1	1	0	6
Statistical Technician II	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>